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Claim 1. Amend to read as follows:

- 1. Electronically secured method for monitoring transfers of value units between a plurality of gambling machine cards and a plurality of gambling machines, each machine being connected to a transcriber of data onto a gambling card, the machines being connected in a secured network with a central processing unit by link means, the method having the following steps, during a gambling operation:
- reading data stored in a gambling card,
 particularly an identification number (Id) of the card
 (CJ1) and data representing the value units debited and
 credited initially and during the preceding gambling
 operations, characterized by the following steps:
- electronically securing and exchanging data between the machine and a database of the central processing unit by means linking the secured network, particularly data representing the balance (S) of the value units and the identification number of the card; and
- updating data at least twice during each use of the card in a gambling playing session and then checking that the data stored in the gambling card correspond to the data in the database in order to monitor the integrity of



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a system constituted by such a card, such a machine, the network, and the central processing unit.

Claim 26. Amend to read as follows:

- 26. A method for monitoring transfers of value units between a plurality of gambling cards and a plurality of gambling machines, each machine being connected to a transcriber of data onto a gambling card, the machines being connected in a secured network with a central processing unit comprising the steps of, during a gambling operation:
- (a) reading data stored in a gambling card, particularly an identification number of the card and data representing the value units debited and credited during the preceding gambling operations,
- (b) electronically securing and exchanging data between the machine and a database of the central processing unit by the secured network, particularly data representing the balance of the value units and the identification number of the card; and
- (c) checking that the data stored in the gambling card corresponds to the data in the database in order to monitor the integrity of a system constituted by such a

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card, such a machine, the network, and the central processing unit, and

22 23 (d) - wherein said exchanging and checking steps are performed for each change of value of the cards.

Claim 27. Cancel.

Claim 29. Amend to read as follows:



29. (Amended) Method according to Claim 28, wherein said checking step consists of performing said checking step in any of said terminals, said cards, said transcribers, and said central processing unit.

Claim 35. Cancel.

Claim 36. Amend to read as follows:

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36. (Amended) A secure gambling system for monitoring transfers of value units comprising a plurality of gambling cards, and a plurality of gambling machines, each machine being provided with a transcriber able to debit value units of a gambling card, the machines being connected in a secured network with a central processing unit by link means, each gambling card stores data representing gambling

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representing gambling operations conducted therewith, data identifying the card and data representing the balance of the value units debited and credited during previous gambling operations, the central processing unit has a database that in parallel stores the data as in the cards representing gambling operations carried out, card identification and data representing the balances of the 14 value units debited and credited during previous gambling 15 operations, the means for monitoring and checking that, 16 for an identified card, the database data and the card 17 data correspond, particularly that the data representing 18 the value unit balance correspond, thereby verifying the 19 integrity of the system. 20

Amend to read as follows: Claim 39

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Secured system according to Claim 38, wherein 39. the security module is disposed in a location consisting of the group of the transcriber, the gambling machine (200), the network link, and the central processing unit (1).

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Claim 41. Amend to read as follows:

The method of Claim 1 or 26, wherein said data 41. representing gambling operations are stored sequentially in parallel in the gambling card memory and in the database with successive balances of value units debited and credited with the card.